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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, MARR, MOPS, LE, IS  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: KUWAITI DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR  
SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA

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1. SUMMARY: KUWAITI PERM REP BISHARA EXPLAINED TO AMB.  
LEONARD THAT DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED  
FOR POSSIBLE USE IN EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA  
(ON UNIFIL FINANCING) REPRESENTED A BARE MINIMUM EXPRESSION  
OF CONCERN OVER CONTINUED ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE IN  
SOUTH LEBANON. HE HOPED U.S. WOULD "ENDORSE" DRAFT  
RESOLUTION. LEONARD REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY TO

DEPARTMENT BISHARA'S REQUEST, BUT OFFHAND HE SAW ONLY PROBLEMS EMERGING FROM A POLITICAL DEBATE AND INTRODUCTION OF A POLITICAL RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. LEONARD MET WITH KUWAITI AMBASSADOR BISHARA ON APRIL 18 LATE IN AFTERNOON. AMB. TUENI (LEBANON) JOINED AS BISHARA PRESENTED US WITH DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION (REFTEL) FOR POSSIBLE USE IN SPECIAL GA ON UNIFIL. HE ASKED FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIS "BLAND, MINIMUM EXPRESSION OF CONCERN". BISHARA SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO PRESENT THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION AFTER ARGUING DOWN PLO, IRAQ AND OTHERS WHO URGED STRONG CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION BE INTRODUCED INTO SPECIAL SESSION. BISHARA ALSO NOTED THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE ARAB GROUP WISHED TO INSERT A TIMETABLE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN HIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, BUT HE RESISTED. U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION WAS ESSENTIAL; EUROPEANS, HE BELIEVED, WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT BUT WOULD LOOK TO U.S. TO TAKE LEAD.

3. LEONARD IN ACCEPTING DRAFT RESOLUTION POINTED OUT THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE ELEMENTS WHICH THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT; MORE IMPORTANT, INTERJECTING A POLITICAL RESOLUTION WITH INEVITABLE POLEMICAL DEBATE THAT WOULD ACCOMPANY IT, WAS UNNECESSARY AND FRAUGHT WITH POTENTIAL DANGERS DAMAGING CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE PURPOSE OF THE EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION, I.E. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING OF UNIFIL. TUENI HELPFULLY INTERVENED TO NOTE THAT IT WOULD SEEM SENSIBLE TO WAIT UNTIL THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON HIS TRIP WAS AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON A DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION. BISHARA ACQUIESCED, COMMENTING THAT FOR THE MOMENT HE WOULD HOLD HIS RESOLUTION, WHICH HE HAD SO FAR CIRCULATED ONLY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARAB GROUP (TUNISIA) AND TO PLO OBSERVER TERZI. (NOTE: USUN IS AWARE THAT OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS AND SOME EUROPEANS HAVE ACQUIRED COPIES OF THE DRAFT RES.)

4. TURNING TO QUESTION OF TIMING OF SC CONSULTATIONS AND SCENARIO FOR SPECIAL SESSION, BISHARA PROPOSED THAT SPECIAL SESSION AFTER ITS OPENING ON APRIL 20 PROCEED TO POLITICAL DEBATE WITH A FEW (HE LATER ADMITTED POSSIBILITY OF AT LEAST 30) BRIEF STATEMENTS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY VOTING ON HIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, IF INDEED IT IS TABLED. BISHARA WENT ON TO PROPOSE THAT AT THE SAME TIME THE FIFTH COMMITTEE WOULD CONVENE AND HOLD ITS SESSIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE PLENARY DEBATE.

THE VOTING ON THE RESOLUTION, IF IT IS INTRODUCED,  
WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON. ON THE SECOND DAY  
OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, THE PLENARY WOULD ADOPT THE  
SEPARATE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL FINANCING. (WE  
ARE COMMENTING IN SEPTTEL ON PREPARATIONS FOR  
ADOPTION OF FINANCING RESOLUTION WHICH RESEMBLES  
QUITE CLOSELY GA RES 3211 ADOPTED BY 29TH GA ON  
FINANCING UNEF.)

5. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH BISHARA OBSERVING THAT  
ARAB GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 17 REVEALED CONSIDERABLE  
RESISTANCE TO ENLARGEMENT OF UNIFIL. LEONARD

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STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ARAB SUPPORT FOR UNIFIL

EXPANSION, POINTING OUT INCONSISTENCY OF WITHHOLDING  
THAT SUPPORT WHILE PRESSING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL  
WHICH WOULD BE DELAYED IF IT APPEARED THAT UNIFIL  
WOULD BE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE SATISFACTORILY.  
HE SAID US HOPED SYG'S REPORT TO THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL WOULD BE POSITIVE AND THUS HELPFUL WITH  
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REGARD TO ARAB ATTITUDE TOWARD ENLARGING UNIFIL.  
LEONARD ADDED THAT WE WOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH  
WITH BISHARA AND TUENI ON SCENARIO FOR SC  
CONSULTATIONS AND 8TH SPECIAL SESSION.  
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